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Gwinn resigns presidency

Student Senate President Rex Gwinn submitted his resignation at Tuesday night's Senate meeting. This is the first time in recent NWMSU history that a president has resigned.

Gwinn's reasons for resigning were because of "a business opportunity that would be difficult for anyone to pass up. Also there's a possibility I'll be attending law school part-time at UMKC."

He feels Senate has accomplished the bulk of its objectives this year. "I'm confident Student Senate will continue to function in a satisfactory manner. The senators are all very qualified."

"We're over the transition period. Everyone knows the procedures and how Senate operates. Senate cannot be a one man show, and I feel there's a competent person to take over."

Gwinn's main regret about leaving is that "I couldn't be around when the sports complex reached its final decision." He also said that he's contributing \$100 in the name of Senate toward it.

To fill the vacancy, Senate felt they had several options open to them. One was not to fill the vacancy and let the vice president preside over the meetings. This would mean there would be no president for the rest of the semester.

Dr. John Hopper, Senate adviser, commented that it would be a bad decision to go without a president for two and a half months. Senate decided to fill the vacancy.

The next decision was whether the vacancy was permanent or temporary. The Senate by-laws state that "The Student Senate shall decide which officer replacements are permanent and which are temporary." (Article II, Sec. 7a)

If Senate decided the vacancy was permanent there would have to be a campus election. If the vacancy was temporary, then Senate could elect a president themselves.

Senate decided in a roll call vote the vacancy was temporary. There was disagreement on this issue.

"We should allow the students to pick their representatives even if it's for only a two-month period," stated Junior Senator Mic Jones. "Whoever assumes the presidency would have a hands-down advantage to win the election in April."

Steve Holle, junior Senator said that in the best interest of Student Senate "we should select someone to carry on Rex's policies. This is the time of year where Student Senate gets the most done. I think it would hurt everything we've done so far to hold an election now."

Steve Long, Cooper dorm senator felt that making the vacancy temporary would make Senate look like hypocrites. "Senate's been fighting administrative

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TOP: Rex Gwinn, at left, Student Senate president, announced his resignation Jan. 31. The resignation, which will go into effect Feb. 7, is a controversial issue. Junior Class President Mic Jones, right, opposes the decision to term Gwinn's resignation as temporary. See editorial page 16. Photo by Dave Gieseke. BOTTOM: ERA proponent, Judy Carter, visited campus Tuesday to give her endorsement for ERA. Missouri is one of 15 states who have not ratified the amendment. Photo by Jay Liebhenguth.

Carter gives ERA a push

Judy Carter, President Jimmy Carter's daughter-in-law, visited NWMSU advocating the Equal Rights Amendment.

Speaking at a luncheon Jan. 31, Carter feels that "until ERA is passed, women will not be a legal part of the country. And that is a deficiency that needs to be taken care of."

Carter, a contributing editor to *Redbook* magazine, included NWMSU on a two-day campaign through Missouri. Sponsored by ERA America and Missouri Coalition for ERA, she is confident that ERA will be passed by the Mar. 22, 1979, deadline.

"A little action at a grassroots level will make a lot of difference," she said.

Missouri's legislature is one of the 15 states which has not voiced support for the amendment. With 35 states ratifying ERA, its passage requires the supporting vote of three more states.

"ERA faces a great deal of opposition because of fear," said Carter. Citing that ERA has nothing to do with the dating customs or the family structure, she added, "In reality, it's not going to change anything very much."

"The difference will be that women will have a legal identity of her own."

Carter mentioned inheritance laws, insurance policies and other areas of discrimination where women's rights need to be protected.

"If each one of those laws were dealt with separately, it would be a 100 years before anything was done," Carter said.

"Besides those are not guaranteed by the Constitution. They could be repealed at anytime."

Reading the amendment, Carter said, "All it does is guarantee that men and women will not be discriminated against simply because of sex."

Carter feels ERA has tremendous support. Approved by many church and business groups, it received Congress' support when it was introduced in 1972. The House vote of 324 to 23 and Senate's 86 to 8 vote is evidence of that support.

In an October issue of *Redbook* magazine, Carter wrote, "If there were a national referendum on ERA, there is no doubt that it would pass. The maximum ever recorded against ERA in a national poll was 35 percent."

Reflecting that anti-ERA stand, three local members of "Stop ERA" commented on Carter's advocacy of ERA.

"Regardless of what she says, we have an identity already," said Donna Cash.

Frances Wright feels that ERA is drawing women from the home into the job market. "We want a good home life, and ERA will change that."

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Gwinn's letter explaining his resignation

To the Student Body:

It's been almost a year since you elected the Student Action party to represent you in the Student Senate for the 1977-78 school year. With only three months left in the semester and our term in office, I have been offered an attractive business opportunity which is very difficult to refuse. It is with mixed emotions that I inform you of my resignation as your elected representative.

Foremost in my mind was my obligation to you, the students who placed trust and confidence in my ability to initiate positive change. My decision to leave was made with the firm belief that the bulk of our goals and objectives for this calendar year

have either been completed or at least started.

Housing for foreign students over breaks and an intramural director with improved programming have both become realities. Increased gymnasium and pool hours, currently delayed by financial and manpower shortages, have been promised by the administration for this semester. A revision of the Housing contract to protect student interests and eliminate loopholes is currently under way.

A 21-dormitory and a multi-purpose sports complex are all under consideration at this time and could become very real in the near future. I am fully confident that the students who remain as your

representatives on the Senate will continue to strive toward these goals until they are completed.

The task is large and your assistance is vital for the successful completion of these projects. Without student support, the Student Senate becomes weak, and its ability to function diminishes greatly.

The greatest enjoyment I think I have received at Northwest was the privilege of working with Dr. Owens and Dr. Mees. With their combined efforts, all phases of student life have shown marked improvements. Men with such ambition and dedication truly deserve our respect and support.

Our years here together are but a small

portion of our lives, yet the friendships we share and the memories we take with us when we leave will always remain a part of us. Good luck to all of you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Rex Gwinn

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Senate cont.

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loopholes all year," and now Senate would be taking advantage of a loophole.

Freshman Senator Steve Cipolla felt the vacancy should be temporary until the April elections.

Those voting the vacancy would be permanent were Steve Long, Mic Jones, Tom Lancaster and Tom Perry.

Those voting against it were Marty Carter, Brian Crawford, Randy Neal, Kathy Atkins, Dean Gillispie, Deb Mullins, Gaichylle O'Dell, Steve Cipolla and Steve Holle.

Vic Moreles, Greg Hatten, Betty Feldman, JeAnn Soren, Steve Yost, Frank Offutt Darrel Hute, Debbie Spencer and Paula Barbeiri.

Those abstaining were John Moore, Ben Westman, Brady Snyder, Juli Shelton and Darrel Zellers.

Question was raised whether whoever filled the vacancy temporarily would be able to run for election in April. The by-laws state "The President may not

succeed himself in the office." (Art. II, Sect. 4a)

Gwinn ruled that they would not be able to run for election. Off-campus Senator Marty Carter appealed (opposed) the ruling. Sophomore Greg Hatten seconded the motion. Long then moved to table the motion until next week's meeting.

The meeting then will decide the temporary replacement and whether that person will be able to run for president in the April elections.

Students who wish to voice an opinion should go to next week's Senate meeting. It meets at 8 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Union Sycamore Room.

Other items on the agenda was the appointment of a freshman senator. Five candidates were considered. Paula Barbieri was elected to fill the opening.

Dr. Robert Bush, assistant to the president, presented Senate with a proposed traffic and parking changes. (see page 3 for story) Senate commented on the proposals and gave Dr. Bush additional ideas for changes.

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Statistics predict teacher shortage

Suzanne Cruzen

Teaching is no longer a crowded profession. According to Dr. Frank Grispingo, director of student teaching, "The job market in this area is really making an abrupt turnabout."

Last fall at the American Association of Colleges for Teachers' Education meeting in Warrensburg, it was predicted that there would soon be a critical shortage of teachers.

According to Dr. Grispingo, present area teacher shortages were determined by a NWMSU-administered teacher preparation survey in which 239 respondents reported shortages in the following areas: industrial arts, special education, mathematics, science, agriculture, chemistry, physics, music, English and business.

The publicity about the oversupply in specific geographical areas has been generalized to include all areas according to Dr. Roger Epley, department of secondary education chairman. Information concerning undersupply areas (such as the growing urban areas) has been submerged.

"The media is still in the cities with the teacher strikes, the unrest, the oversupply," said Dr. Epley.

"This fear of the oversupply," said Director of Placement Donald Carlile, "has kept many people who would make quality teachers from going into the field."

According to Dr. Grispingo, the national number of students going into teaching today is about one-half of what it was five years ago.

In 1976, NWMSU reached the lowest number of education graduates in recent years with 306 students receiving their B.S.Ed. degree. Last year showed an increase of 20 bringing the 1977 education graduate number to 326.

This decrease in the graduating education majors is also visible in the number of certified teachers who decide to enter the classroom. The National Education Association states that 61.9 percent of the yearly education graduates in the Plains regional area (Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Minnesota) actually join the teaching profession.

Although the highest percent nationally, this is not a reflection of a deficiency in the job market, according to Carlile. The other 38.1 percent of the graduates often go into another field or enroll in graduate school.

"Many college students will not just jump at a teaching job because it's there," said Carlile.

According to Dr. Epley, another national survey indicates that approximately 50 percent of the graduating teachers will have given up teaching after two years. This is often because of their family situation or the opportunity to work at a higher paying job.

"Someone who is qualified for a teaching profession is also qualified for other professions," said Carlile. "Teaching is good training for public relations."

Teachers who do decide to sit behind the desk may find that a concentrated major is "really rather deadly," according to Dr. Epley. "Concentrated major restricts job placement potential. The trend in all schools is for teachers with greater flexibility."

According to the summary of the NWMSU teacher preparation survey prepared by Dr. Grispingo, "Of the 239 respondents, 85 percent answered that they would hire a prospective secondary teacher having a major and a minor before hiring one that has a major only."

During 1976-77, the largest number of teacher vacancies reported to the NWMSU Placement Office was 1,733 physical education/health openings. Three other fields over the 800 mark were English, elementary education and math/computer science.

According to Carlile, the number of physical education teachers needed is being enlarged by the ERA-initiated increase in woman athletics.

Brekke to run

Dr. Jerald Brekke, professor of political science, has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Maryville City Council.

The primary election will be held on Feb. 7, reducing eight candidates to four.

An interest in local government and a wish to have many candidates for local offices are Dr. Brekke's reasons for running, he said.

Dr. Brekke said he doesn't want to be considered the University's candidate in the race.

Polls for the election on Feb. 7 will be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voting will be held at the City Hall and the Methodist Church Annex.

Campus traffic changes planned

Changes to be made in the campus traffic pattern are an effort "to prevent as many confrontations between pedestrians and cars as possible," according to Dr. Robert Bush, assistant to the president.

Dr. Bush added that this pedestrian and traffic flow revision, which has been submitted to the Board of Regents by President Dr. B. D. Owens, will also make the campus environment more enjoyable for people while keeping the campus accessible to drive-through visitors.

Calling the campus a "people area," Dr. Bush feels that the cars in the campus interior not only detract but also present a danger factor. The Wells Library-Roberta Hall corner has been the scene of 13 accidents.

Some of the proposed revisions are:

1. construct a new road from Lamkin parking lot to Union parking lot.
2. convert the main entrance to a one-way street leading into campus
3. putting new stop sign or flashing light in front of Hudson
4. new parking lots on north and south of Valk Industrial Arts Building

5. no parking on College Avenue except on authorized days

6. new road from Garrett-Strong to High-Rise parking lots

7. remove speed bumps.

According to Dr. Bush, the speed bumps "give the impression that we don't want you here."

Director of Security Earl Brailey "likes the idea of an almost-all-pedestrian campus."

He feels the proposed pedestrian traffic flow will "minimize the amount of traffic through campus in high-pedestrian areas and limit pedestrian exposure to vehicles."

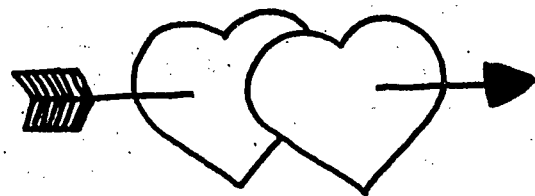
"The only problem from a security standpoint is our response to a particular area," said Brailey. However, he feels this will be taken care of in time with the possible purchase of more economical and flexible security cars.

A map of the proposed pedestrian traffic flow is available for viewing in front of the president's office in the Administration Building. Encouraging everyone to come

by, Dr. Bush said, "We would like to get people's input."

With fall operation in mind, the main goal of the traffic changes according to Dr. Bush is to provide a "perimeter road to keep the heavy traffic out of the center of campus."

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Dave Gieseke

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Their preparation paid off as Carter's visit went without a hitch.

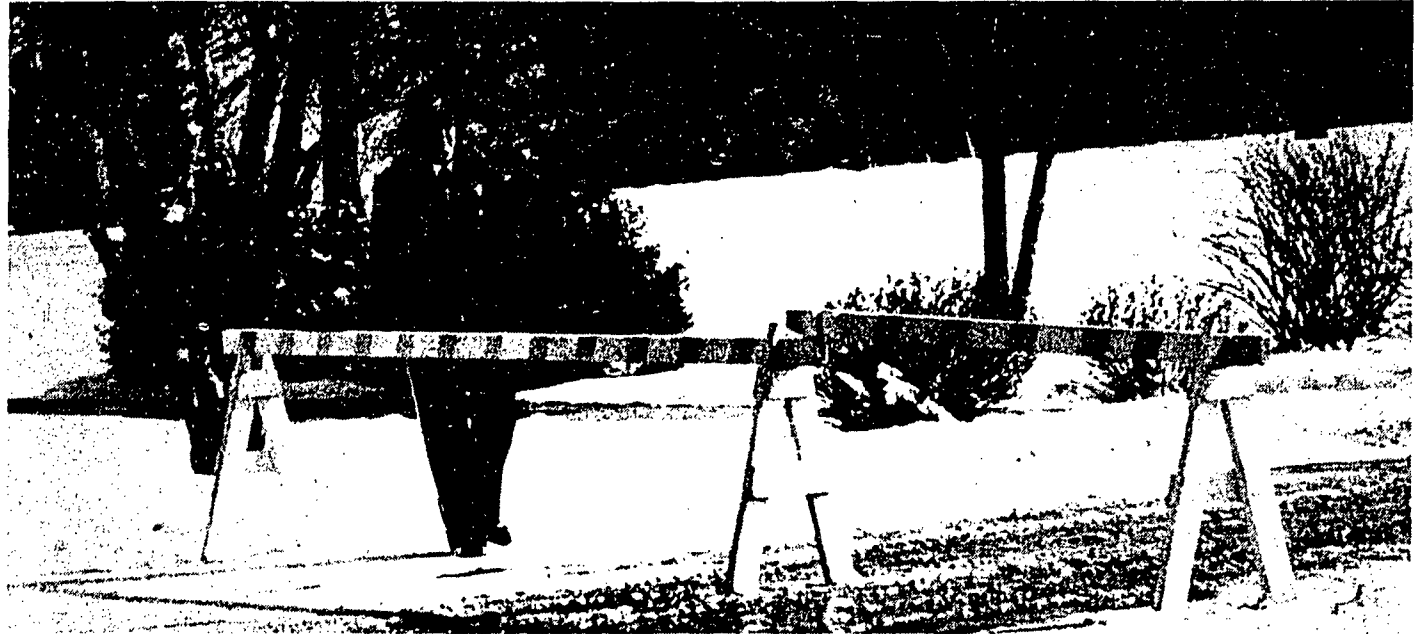
Since Carter is not a blood relative of the President, she does not receive Secret Service protection. Thus, while she was here the responsibility for her protection rested entirely in the hands of Earl Brailey, director of campus security, and his officers.

"Two weeks ago we alerted local law personnel as to her arrival in case we needed their help," Brailey said. "We expect the worst but take what we get."

Tuesday morning, the day of Carter's arrival, started with a meeting of all the officers on duty. Brailey gave the final pep talk to the officers.

"Well, this is it," he said. "Keep your eyes and ears open. You have to go the extra distance today. Remember it's 'yes, sir' and 'yes, ma'am' today. What you do today will reflect directly on us and the University."

After Brailey finished the final instructions, the officers went to their positions



Part of the security setup for Mrs. Judy Carter's visit to NWMSU was barricades at the entrance to the circle drive near the Student Union.

Here Officer Vonciel Hughes awaits Carter's arrival on campus. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

for the dry run. At 10:30, with Officer Lee Pankau acting as Carter, the officers simulated Carter's arrival on campus.

The security forces walked Pankau down the sidewalk and into the Student Union,

up two flights of stairs into the third floor cafeteria.

With the dry run complete, all the officers could do was wait for Carter's arrival. She was due to arrive at the Maryville Airport at approximately 11:30, less than an hour away.

During the wait, the security officers sat around the office, taking other complaints and nervously drinking coffee.

"I'll be glad when all this is over," Pankau said.

"I'm glad we don't have many days like this," Mary Alice Cornelison, switchboard operator said.

The hour dragged on and on as the security office awaited a call saying that Carter had left St. Joseph. As 11:30 approached, no call had yet been received.

One of the few problems the security met on this day was parking. Only certain people were allowed to park near the Union.

During the wait an officer came into the office and told Brailey that a lady in a Cadillac said she was with the Carter party and wanted to park in the circle drive.

"Is she an old lady?" Brailey asked (only old ladies were allowed to park in the circle drive).

"No," the officer replied.

"Then go out and straighten her out," Brailey said, "If you don't, I will."

The officer went back to the lady in the Cadillac, and no more was heard about the parking problem.

After 12 o'clock the call announcing that Carter had left St. Joseph arrived. Brailey went to the airport to pick her up while the rest of the security force went to their positions.

After Carter's plane touched down at the airport a call was made to the president's office to inform President Owens of her arrival.

During Brailey's trip to the campus, security manned blockades around the Student Union, diverting traffic to other parking lots and preparing for Carter's arrival.

Just before 1 p.m., a university car pulled up to the circle drive at the Union bearing Brailey and the Carter party. Carter stepped out of the vehicle and down the sidewalk into the Union, up two flights of stairs into the cafeteria where after visiting with members of the crowd, she went to the lectern.

During her speech, security stayed in their positions with two members in the cafeteria observing her movements. When she finished her speech, she paused a few moments for interviews with the press.

She was then whisked down the stairs to the awaiting car. She was driven back to the airport after staying on campus for just over 30 minutes.



Security officer Butch Pivral watches the crowd pass by after Judy Carter's speech on the Equal Rights Amendment. Security officers patrolled the Union during the speech. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

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Astronaut to visit campus — Check it out —

Apollo 15 astronaut Col. James Irwin and actual samples from the moon's surface will highlight a lunar geology exhibit Feb. 6-17.

Co-sponsored by the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth Science and the Performing Arts and Visiting Lecture committee, the exhibit will also include films of the moon as seen through Apollo 15, a public reception for Irwin and a "Geology of the Moon" lecture by Dr. Dwight Maxwell, associate professor of earth science.

The Apollo 15 expedition was one of six American moon landings, with two men per landing. Thus, as one of 12 Americans to have reached the lunar surface, Irwin was chosen as an unusual and interesting speaker.

"This will be a review of one of the big scientific events of our lifetime. Col. Irwin has a very particular kind of knowledge. He's an American hero," said Dr. Maxwell.

"It makes a nice package," he continued. "The films, exhibits and speaker are all from Apollo 15."

Photographs, charts and maps will physically dominate the exhibit, but the lunar samples receive the most attention. A relatively limited amount of moon rock has been brought to the earth, so the samples to be shown at the University are extremely small.

One rock, about two inches in diameter, is an igneous or fragmented rock called breccia. The other sample is a tiny slice that must be viewed through a microscope.

"The rocks are over three billion years old. That's older than anything in Missouri," said Dr. Maxwell.

Exhibits and lectures will be studied by students enrolled in most science courses. Dr. Maxwell stressed that all programs are free and open to the public.

"It will be at a level that educated people can understand what is being said," he said.

The lunar geology exhibit schedule:

Rock Exhibit	Feb. 6, 13	12-4:30 p.m.	Garrett-Strong Science Building, Room 128
	Feb. 8, 15	12-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 9, 16	12-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 10, 17	12-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 7, 14	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 8	7-10:30 p.m.	

Films of the Moon	Feb. 6	4 p.m.	Garrett-Strong, Room 125
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Astronaut lecture (Col. James Irwin)	Feb. 8	8 p.m.	Ad. Bldg. Auditorium
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Public reception for James Irwin	Feb. 8	Immediately following lecture	Lobby of Garrett-Strong
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Geology of the Moon lecture by Dr. Dwight Maxwell	Feb. 13	4 p.m.	Garrett-Strong, Room 125
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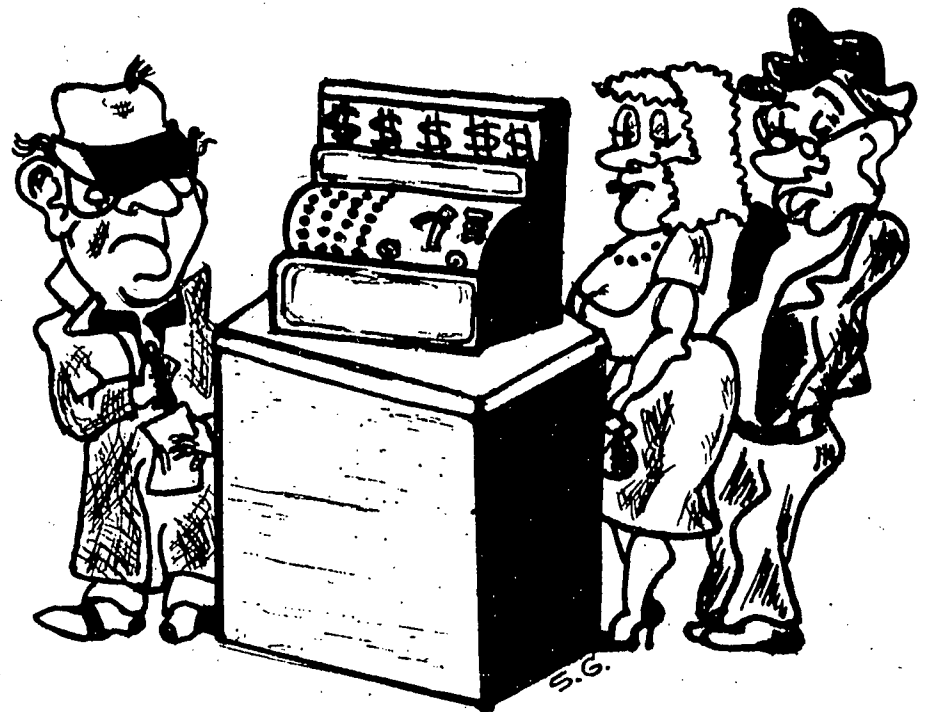
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The reports are designed not as advocates of specific stores, products or services but rather as a presentation of in-depth research done in Maryville.

The first of these reports deals with transportation. Besides the "share-a-ride plan," bicycles and foot power, Maryville has little to offer as modes of transportation.

Two "hired hacks" are available--Curt's Cab and Toby's Taxi.

Curt's Cab will take a passenger anywhere in town for \$1.25. They run two cabs and are radio-dispatched.

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Entertainment

'Greatest Lover' brings back slapstick comedy



Album autopsy

Steve Stucker

Rod Stewart's highly publicized split with Britt sure hasn't affected the man's ability to rock and roll. **Foot Loose and Fancy Free** is Rod Stewart at his wild and wooly best.

Already a million seller on the basis of the single "You're in My Heart," this album could remain near the top of the charts for many weeks to come. "Hot Legs," "Born Loose" and "I Was Only Joking" are new songs by Stewart that give this album a fresh sound.

Complementing these cuts are some golden oldies redone a la Rod Stewart ("Keep Me Hangin' On," "If Lovin' You Is Wrong") that take you on a musical excursion of the recent past. Even if you have never considered yourself a Rod Stewart fan, you may find **Foot Loose and Fancy Free** enough of a pleasant surprise to make room for it in your album collection.

Ramsey Lewis has done it again, this time in the form of **Tequila Mockingbird**. Whether it's used as background noise at a party or the centerpiece in a serious session of listening, **Tequila Mockingbird** is worth its weight in platinum.

The Lewis style of free-flowing but controlled jazz has to be one of the most ear-pleasing sounds you'll ever hear. Although the title cut is excellent, I wouldn't want to give you the false impression that the rest of the tracks are only so-so. Each one is outstanding in its own right.

"But me, buy JAZZ?" you say. Why not? It's the hottest thing on both coasts these days which means it should be popular in the Midwest in no more than ten or fifteen years. **Tequila Mockingbird** is as nice an initiation into jazz as I can think of.

Don't walk, RUN to buy this album. You won't be sorry.

Thurs., Feb. 2 - **Ten Years of Gold**, Kenny Rogers

Fri., Feb. 3 - **Draw the Line**, Aerosmith

Sat., Feb. 4 - open

Sun., Feb. 5 - **Foot Loose and Fancy Free**, Rod Stewart

Mon., Feb. 6 - **Ol' Waylon**, Waylon Jennings

Tues., Feb. 7 - **Slow Hand**, Eric Clapton

Wed., Feb. 8 - **Works II**, Emerson, Lake and Palmer

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Kathy A. Delk

Old time, slapstick comedy is the best way to describe **The World's Greatest Lover**. The movie, a new release, was written, directed and stars Gene Wilder. It co-stars Dom DeLuise and Carol Kane.

The movie is about a man, Rudy Valentine, (Wilder) who dreams of becoming the greatest lover ever. His chance comes when a movie studio announces a contest for the world's greatest lover. They are in competition with Rudolph Valentino--every woman's idol of the time, even Valentine's wife.

If the movie is said to have a moral or a message, it would have to be that the world's greatest lover can be anyone. If a wife believes her husband is the world's greatest lover, then he is. And vice versa.

The World's Greatest Lover is funny. But it has to be said that it isn't Wilder's best performance. This could be because

the plot was weak. It was the common "macho man winning the timid, beautiful woman's heart" plot and nothing more.

The supporting cast was good. DeLuise was his usual funny self. He portrayed Adolf Zitz, the head of the studio looking for the world's greatest lover.

Kane played Valentine's wife. She was timid and shy and fit the part well.

It has to be repeated that the movie was funny. It was a reminder of the Charlie Chaplin movies, and if Wilder meant to have that effect, he did it well.

One scene that stuck in my mind was when Valentine woke to find his sunken living room a swimming pool. As timing would have it, his rich uncle whom Valentine wants to impress, shows up with his family. They all end up taking a "swim" with Valentine.

Though **The World's Greatest Lover** isn't a "must see" movie, it still is entertaining and full of laughs.

Madraliers tour East Coast

University Madraliers, under the direction of Gilbert Whitney, will be spending spring break singing at various places along the East Coast.

Traveling by bus, the group will perform in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Washington, D. C., Columbus and St. Louis.

"We are singing for our meals when we can," said Whitney. "Many places we perform will provide us with overnight accommodations."

The Madraliers' tour includes 18 singers, a few instrumentalists, a bus driver and Whitney. They will be performing in churches on Sundays and community centers and schools during the week.

Whitney explained that the group wanted to tour primarily to "bring the message of the University to its alumni."

"It has developed over a period of time," he said. This year seemed to be the last chance to make the trip, as the father of Joe Ostrus, a graduating member of the Madraliers, offered to "take care of the group if it got to New York."

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Apollo 15 astronaut Col. James Irwin and actual samples from the moon's surface will highlight a lunar geology exhibit Feb. 6-17.

Co-sponsored by the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth Science and the Performing Arts and Visiting Lecture committee, the exhibit will also include films of the moon as seen through Apollo 15, a public reception for Irwin and a "Geology of the Moon" lecture by Dr. Dwight Maxwell, associate professor of earth science.

The Apollo 15 expedition was one of six American moon landings, with two men per landing. Thus, as one of 12 Americans to have reached the lunar surface, Irwin was chosen as an unusual and interesting speaker.

"This will be a review of one of the big scientific events of our lifetime. Col. Irwin has a very particular kind of knowledge. He's an American hero," said Dr. Maxwell.

"It makes a nice package," he continued. "The films, exhibits and speaker are all from Apollo 15."

Photographs, charts and maps will physically dominate the exhibit, but the lunar samples receive the most attention. A relatively limited amount of moon rock has been brought to the earth, so the samples to be shown at the University are extremely small.

One rock, about two inches in diameter, is an igneous or fragmented rock called breccia. The other sample is a tiny slice that must be viewed through a microscope.

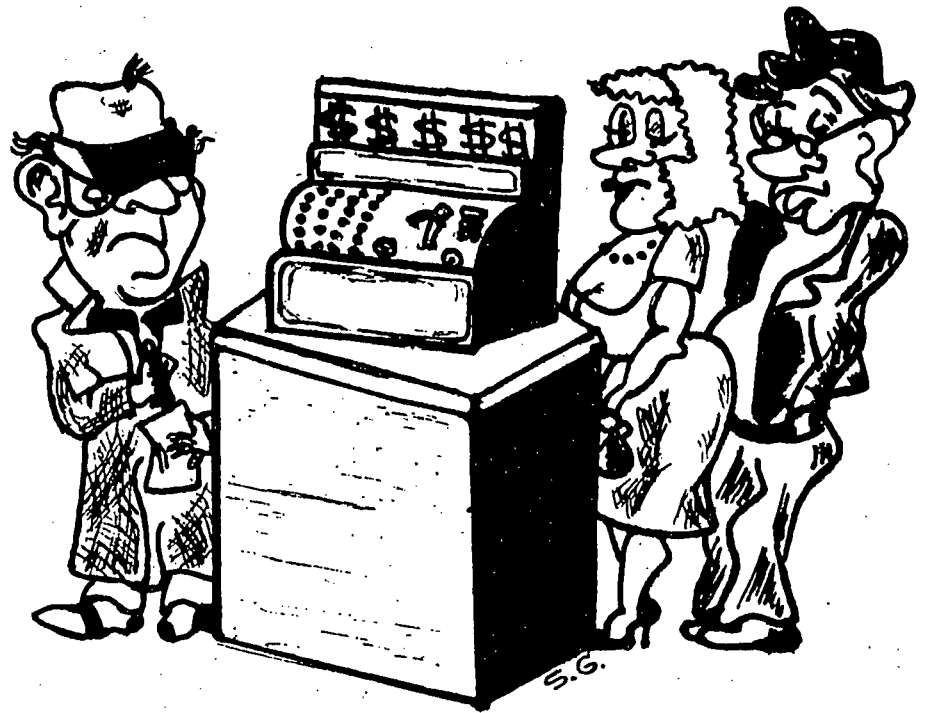
"The rocks are over three billion years old. That's older than anything in Missouri," said Dr. Maxwell.

Exhibits and lectures will be studied by students enrolled in most science courses. Dr. Maxwell stressed that all programs are free and open to the public.

"It will be at a level that educated people can understand what is being said," he said.

The lunar geology exhibit schedule:

Rock Exhibit	Feb. 6, 13	12-4:30 p.m.	Garrett-Strong Science Building, Room 128
	Feb. 8, 15	12-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 9, 16	12-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 10, 17	12-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 7, 14	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	
	Feb. 8	7-10:30 p.m.	
Films of the Moon	Feb. 6	4 p.m.	Garrett-Strong, Room 125
Astronaut lecture (Col. James Irwin)	Feb. 8	8 p.m.	Ad. Bldg. Auditorium
Public reception for James Irwin	Feb. 8	Immediately following lecture	Lobby of Garrett-Strong
Geology of the Moon lecture by Dr. Dwight Maxwell	Feb. 13	4 p.m.	Garrett-Strong, Room 125



"Check it out" will be a series consumer reports researched by Northwest Missourian staff members. An appropriate subtitle, self-explanatory in nature, might be "How to Avoid the Big College Rip-off in Maryville."

The reports are designed not as advocates of specific stores, products or services but rather as a presentation of in-depth research done in Maryville.

The first of these reports deals with transportation. Besides the "share-a-ride plan," bicycles and foot power, Maryville has little to offer as modes of transportation.

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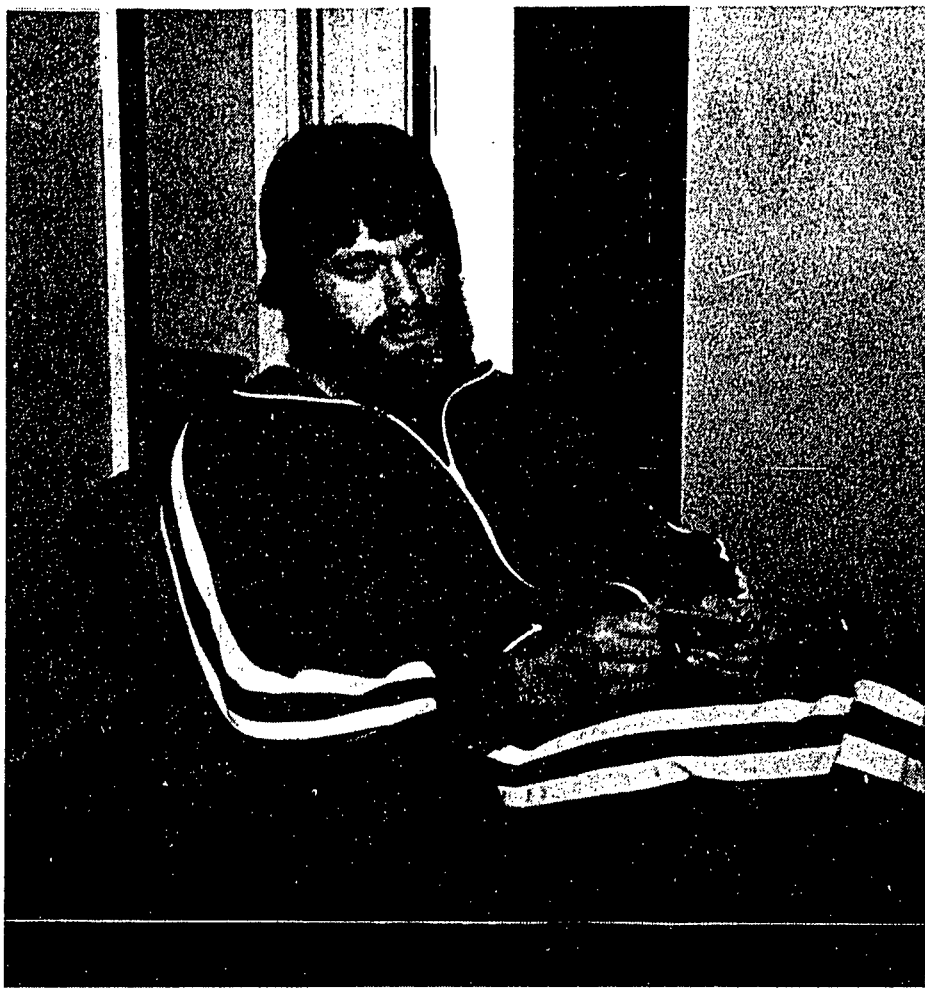
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Providing assistance for Dr. Dizney in the Health Center is Scott Hompland. In addition to running Lab tests Scott provides help when students are ill or injured after office hours. Photo by Rod Nelson.

Student assists Health Center

If a student becomes ill or injured after the 5 p.m. closing of the Student Health Center, the call may be taken by Scott Hompland, health aid.

Scott, a senior, works as an aid to Student Health Service Director Dr. Desmond Dizney.

Probably his most important role this year according to Dr. Dizney has been to help get the lab started. Every day he does the lab work on tests made at the Health Center.

These tests include male and female gonorrhea, strep throat and urine cultures. Positive gonorrhea tests are then confirmed in the state labs at Jefferson City. This service offers the advantage of early treatment to the patient. It also saves the student a lot of money in lab fees because the lab tests are free at the Health Center.

Scott also emphasized that he never knows whose tests he runs. The identities are kept strictly confidential as are all

records and files.

Student health aids are required to know basic first aid, how to write up medical history for charting and assist Dr. Dizney during examinations after hours. Scott lives at the Health Center and is the go-between for students in distress and Dr. Dizney or the emergency room at the hospital.

There are advantages to the job: contact in the clinical situation, flexible scheduling in work hours and a quiet atmosphere beneficial for studying.

Scott stressed the importance of Health Service to the students. "She (Dr. Dizney) takes a lot of care in the people she treats," he said. "She comes in at odd hours for calls." And many times a student can save the emergency room fee by calling the Health Service.

As a health aid Scott is provided with free room at the Health Center facility and is paid for 15 hours a week.

The Stroller

No wonder bears hibernate in the winter--it's too cold and slick to do much of anything else--even party.

It was another windy, snowy, below-zero day in Northwest Missouri. Your Stroller had his usual wrestling match with his bedding before it surrendered and he was able to turn off his head-splitting alarm. It was another dreadful blue Monday (are there any other kind?) and your Stroller literally rolled his not fully-ready-to-wake-up bod' out of bed.

Wiping the sleep from his big baby blues, your Campus Carouser focused-in on the weather conditions. Focusing was indeed quite a task as blowing snow intermingled with heavy snow which presently blanketed the once-cleared sidewalks.

Automatically your Stroller knew that his attire for the day would include his nifty new, blue, long underwear. He figured no one in his right mind, or in his roommate's case--nobody in his wrong mind, would venture out without sporting any.

Finally your Stroller dug out suitable clothing for the blizzard day. However, your fun-loving Stroller knew he'd better find something warm for his tootsies, sandals just weren't going to make it today. He remembered the battery operated heated socks he'd purchased when there was no heat in his dorm--those would keep his tootsies nice and toasty on a day like this.

So, being heavily clad, battery-operated socks on high; your hero had to decide

what shoes to wear. It was a toss-up between the snow shoes or hiking boots. Looking at which had the better traction, your Stroller decided on the hiking boots. Unfortunately your hero was not born with grace, or even a sense of balance on ice. Contrary to popular belief, your Stroller isn't the Hans Brinker of NWMSU.

However, with faith in his boots your Stroller was off to his 8:00 class in Colden. Everything was going hunky-dory until he stepped off the elevator. After he picked himself off the floor, he discovered the basic slick mud slide left by either early risers or late partiers. No doubt about it, your Stroller knew this would be a humiliating day. A day when he'd be on his tu-tu more than his toes.

Confidence. That was what your unswift-afoot Stroller needed, lacked and was doubtful to acquire soon. In fact he had thought about calling Curt's Cab but didn't have a dime for the phones.

A little shaky, your ever-daring Stroller took his "one small step for mankind" out the door. So far, so good. But not for long. Maybe it was the 45 mile-per-hour gust from the north or maybe it was when he went to scratch his elbow that threw his equilibrium off--whatever, he was down--again! A list of obscenities flashed through his thought board. As he struggled to get up, to keep both feet underneath him, (preferably on the ground) your reject from Peggy Fleming's School of Ice Skating and Grace, got up to face the world again.

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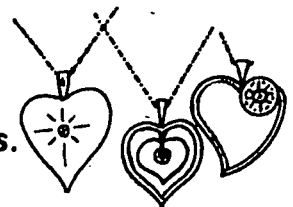
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Black History Week: a cultural re-evaluation

Black culture: a redefinition

Ulrich B. Phillips, author of *The Birth of a Nation and American Negro Slavery* wrote that black slavery "was in fact just what the bulk of the Negroes most needed. They were in an alien land, in an essentially slow process of transition from barbarism to civilization."

This interpretation of black servitude reflected many impressions the American society had of black people. These prejudiced attitudes helped to hide and misinterpret black history and culture.

It was not until Dr. Carter G. Woodson, editor of the *Journal of Negro History* and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, that the push toward studying black history reached its peak.

He not only discredited Phillips for his racist beliefs, he also began to give blacks their true history and culture. It was in 1940 that he founded Negro History Week now called Black History Week.

Black History Week is still celebrated today. This celebration encompasses an understanding of black life, its impact on American culture and its background in African cultures. Black culture shapes itself through many mediums such as music, literature, dance, sports and art.

Some of the strongest cultural exchanges are found in the works of black writers such as Nikki Giovanni, Gwendolyn Brooks, Langston Hughes and Imana Amiri Baraka. There are also strong ties found in black music such as gospel, blues and jazz. Jazz itself is said to be the background and basic format of all other forms of modern music.

Black History Week may be recognized in different fashions, but the story is still the same--too long the history of the black people in America has been lied about and hidden. It is not till it becomes common practice to study black history that Americans will truly understand its history.

NWMSU will celebrate Black Week Feb. 5-11. It is hoped that this celebration will not be looked upon as a polarization of the people, but as a cultural coming together and understanding of the many cultures that exist on this campus.

Black History Week is just one aspect of a culture redefined. There are an endless number of people with different backgrounds and "roots" to be celebrated and comprehended.



Commentary

By Terry Armstead

Before Alex Haley wrote *Roots*, he felt a void in his life. A void that reached a span of many years gone by and hidden. He searched for a key to his existence--a background and understanding of himself and his family.

This work of Haley serves as an example of what many black people in America feel today. To understand one's own evolution it is necessary to know where one started from, where one came from.

Too long now black existence in America has only been traced back to slavery in the South. It was believed that blacks were born into slavery and were satisfied with that mode of life.

But through more recent years this absurd belief has been discarded. Now black history and culture is being taken seriously and interpreted as a prelude to other cultural recognition and celebration.

But why should we still celebrate black history? What significance does it have over other dominant cultures in the United States? Slavery and all the affects of black discrimination were so disastrous and existed for so long that it becomes a need to constantly express the existence of blacks in this country.

Any culture, any race of people where discrimination has dominated its history, a continuous push toward acceptance and a re-evaluation of their culture becomes significant.

Haley found his "roots." But that was just one man and one family. There are millions of roots--not all can or will be researched in such depth as Haley's, but the importance of Black History Week touches some of the basics of cultural exchange and understanding.



Nikki Giovanni to speak here

"People today are generally lonely and afraid. One of the responsibilities of the artist is to soothe that passage from irresponsibility to responsibility--from life to rebirth."

The speaker of these words, Nikki Giovanni, will be on campus Feb. 9. Her lecture will be held in Charles Johnson Theater, beginning at 8 p.m.

Born in 1943 in Knoxville, TN, Giovanni has established a well-known reputation as a poet and author.

In one bibliography Giovanni said, "I'd like to have mentioned that I was kicked out of Fisk, plus I dropped out of a Master's Program at the University of Pennsylvania. And I was in love once."

She is credited with numerous awards ranging from keys to four American cities to five honorary doctorates to literary awards.

She writes regular columns and is an editorial consultant for *Encore American* and *Worldwide News* magazines.

"It is said that when the subject is complicated, try drawing a simple picture," said Ida Lewis, publisher of *Encore American* and *Worldwide News*. "But she cannot be simply understood or explained--she must be experienced and felt."



Black Week Activities to be held Feb. 5-11

Black Week will be held on the NWMSU campus Feb. 5-11. The activities are sponsored by Harambee House, NWMSU cultural center.

Linda Lyman is coordinating the week's activities, which she says are designed to explain and illustrate the various aspects of black culture including art, education, music and lifestyle.

The events for the week are as follows: Feb. 5, the Ray Manning Singers, a gospel group from Kansas City, will perform at 3 p.m., in the Charles Johnson Theater;

Feb. 6, a KDLX remote will be held in Harambee House from 8-10 p.m.; Feb. 7, Robert H. Roane, director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Health, Education and Welfare Region VII, will be a guest speaker in Colden Hall, room 334, at 7:30 p.m. The title of his speech will be "That's the Way It Is."

A Cultural Exhibit and Interpretation will be held in Harambee House from 7-8 p.m. on Feb. 6. The cultural exhibit by the Nigerian students will be on display throughout the week. Feb. 9 Nikki

Giovanni, author of *Ego Tripping and Other Poems*, *Gemini*, *My House*, *The Women and the Men* and other poetry works will speak at 9 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.

A disco dance will be held in the Union Ballroom from 8-12 p.m., Feb. 10. Admission to the dance will be 50 cents. Feb. 11, a semi-formal dance will be held in the Union Ballroom from 8-12 p.m. Admission to this dance will be 75 cents per person and \$1.25 per couple.

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Editor becomes Maryville cop

Many boys dream of becoming a policeman. Larry Helm, an undergraduate student majoring in business and industrial arts, made that dream come true by joining the Maryville Department of Public Safety Dec. 20, 1977.

"I always wanted to be a policeman ever since I can remember," stated a modest Helm. "Right now it's a learning experience as I'm on a six-month trial probation. I'm experimenting with all aspects of police work such as patrolling, investigative work and, of course, paper work."

Along with the police work, Helm works with the fire department also. Every Monday night he attends a three-hour training class on different aspects of fire fighting techniques.

Presently Helm is working the night shift patrolling the streets of Maryville. Helm, who is married, doesn't find any real problems with the late shift. "We have our evenings together and can catch a show if we want to," remarked Helm.



Larry Helm, NWMSU junior and former TOWER editor, looks over proofs of the yearbook before he goes to work. Working for the Maryville

Police Department has fulfilled a life-long dream of becoming a police officer. Photo by Jay Liebhenguth.

"I always wanted to be a policeman ever since I can remember"

Weapons are a standard piece of equipment for police even though they are used as little as possible. Helm, who has yet to encounter any major violence, carries a .38 Smith and Western, Model 15.

"I recently ordered a .357 Colt Python which I feel is the best gun suited for the job," said Helm. The Colt Python is a bigger gun, and if trouble ever occurred, I'd feel a lot safer with it."

"As far as shooting someone, it's not something any police officer tries to think about," asserts Helm. "I know I could handle myself under a major crime situation, though."

This summer Helm will take police training in Jefferson City. After that he will return to Maryville where he hopes to work three or four years and then move up in the ranks elsewhere.

"The benefit of starting in a town the size of Maryville is that you're given the opportunity to explore all facets of police work," said Helm.

Helm has fit into the Maryville Department of Public Safety well, constantly gaining advice from fellow officers. The former Tower editor and Phillips Hall Dorm Council representative believes "learning is the biggest asset as it will continue throughout my career regardless of my position."

"As for now, I'm content riding patrol alone checking buildings and bars," he said. "Even though I ride alone I'm really never alone, because I've always got the radio, and people are always listening."

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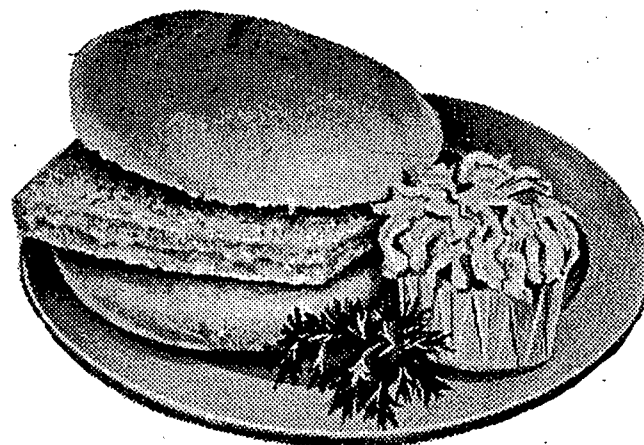
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All comments should be directed to the committee members.

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Freshman poll shows norms

Who is the average NWMSU freshman and why did he come here?

According to computerized results of the questionnaire filled out by last fall's freshman class, he has over a 96 percent chance of being a 18 or 19 years old and white/caucasian.

Nearly 82 out of every hundred freshmen rated NWMSU first choice, and almost 55 of them applied to no other university.

In responding to reasons noted as very important in selecting NWMSU, 38.3 percent cited a good academic reputation; 32.4 percent, low tuition; 21.6 percent, advice of someone who attended; and 21.4 percent, offered financial assistance.

In other statistics 77.1 percent of the class took the A.C.T. standard test, a figure soon to be raised by new entrance requirements.

Students totaling 60.3 percent can pack their suitcases and weekend at home within a 100-mile radius of Maryville (a mere 2.6 percent above the national norm).

Responses to probable career occupations showed teaching still the leading field with 17.9 percent.

In an area of high interest to the present administration, answers may partly be given to the question "Are NWMSU admissions standards high enough?" Nearly 84 percent had a college preparatory program.

And while the percentage of "A" students (4.8 percent) is below the national norm (9.7 percent), an impressive 86.1 percent had grades "B-" to "A-" as compared to 73.9 percent in the nation.

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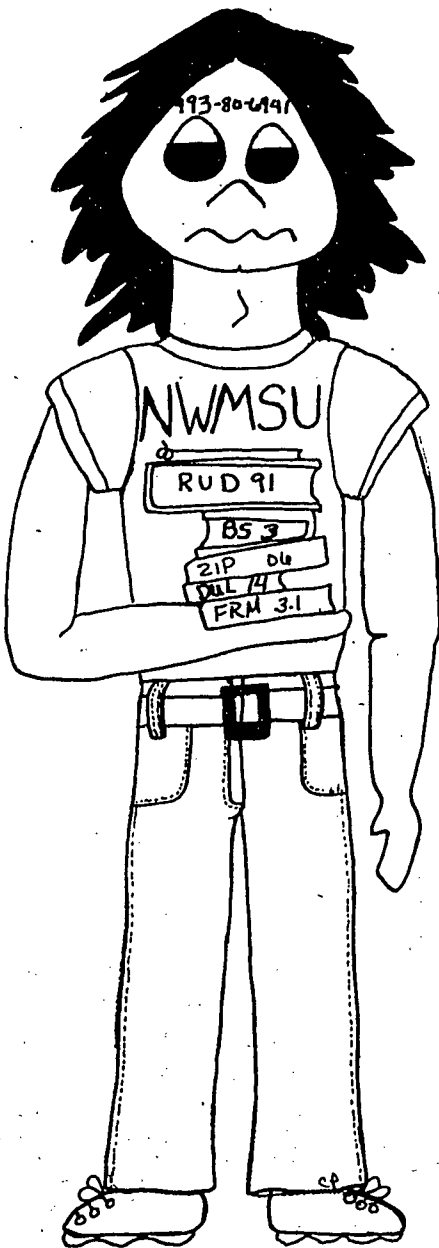
Jeanne Woodruff's anti-ERA stand was enforced by listening to Carter. "I go away with deeper feelings against it than I came here with," she said.

Commenting on Carter's reference to discriminating laws, these "Stop ERA" advocates feel that the amendment will not solve the problems. Rather, they feel that each law needs to be dealt with separately.

Cash seemed to sum up their feelings against ERA. "What I resent most is the bitterness that has come about, the competitiveness, the aggressiveness among women because of ERA."

Like these women who voiced their views through their "Stop ERA" badges, Carter encouraged everyone to make their views known, especially to their state congressmen.

She again emphasized that "the Constitution doesn't even admit that women are even existent in this country."



"Average College Freshman"

Bearfacts

Anyone interested in varsity golf should report to Lamkin Gym at 4 p.m., Mon., Feb. 6.

The Family Planning Clinic sponsored by the University Health Center has changed its meeting time to 8-10 a.m. Wednesday one week and Thursday the next until spring break. Girls interested in learning about birth control are asked to call the center for an appointment for the clinic or a personal appointment with Dr. Dizney, who is in the office daily 9-12 and 1:30-3:45.

The Clinic includes a blood test to check for syphilis and anemia, a urine test and explanation of birth control by a social worker. Dr. Dizney will give each girl a breast examination, Pap smear and pelvic exam for \$5, plus \$1 per month for pills or \$5 for a diaphragm or IUD. The Health Center number is 582-4801.

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President B. D. Owens reads the invitation he received from the kindergarten class at Horace Mann to come over and visit. The youngsters replied in writing after the President sent them candy bars. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Debaters excel

On the heels of back-to-back victories at Ottawa and Pittsburg State Universities the last two weekends, debaters Kenny Himes and Ward Smith are traveling to Waco, TX, to debate in the tournament at Baylor University.

NWMSU took overall school honors at the Alpha Tournament at Ottawa University, home of the largest national forensics fraternity. Himes and Smith went undefeated as they won the individual title.

Placing fourth in debate at Ottawa were Linda Grimes and Jim Sand.

At the 36th annual Gorilla Debate Tournament at Pittsburg State last weekend, Himes and Smith captured first place--a feat never before accomplished by NWMSU.

Himes and Smith were 9-2 overall in the tournament defeating teams from Baylor, the University of Kansas and the University of Houston.

"It's growing into a hopeful-looking season," said Dr. James Leu, debate coach. Himes and Smith are beginning to beat national powers such as Baylor and Kansas State which gives hope for the nationals, he explained.

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Contact Kevin Brunner, 226 Dieterich; Jim Solo, 302 Tower; or Stephen Wray at 582-5938 for audition information.

Auditions will be Feb. 6, 13 and 20 from 4-5 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium.

Cardinal Key National Honor Society will be sponsoring a monthly paper drive beginning Sat., Feb. 4.

Members will be available to pick up the papers at 9 a.m. Persons interested in donating papers to the organization can make an appointment for paper pick-up by contacting Roxie Reavis at 582-8036 between 2-5 p.m. or Deb Mullen at 582-4911.

Proceeds from the paper drive will be used toward the expenses of the regional convention to be held on campus next fall.

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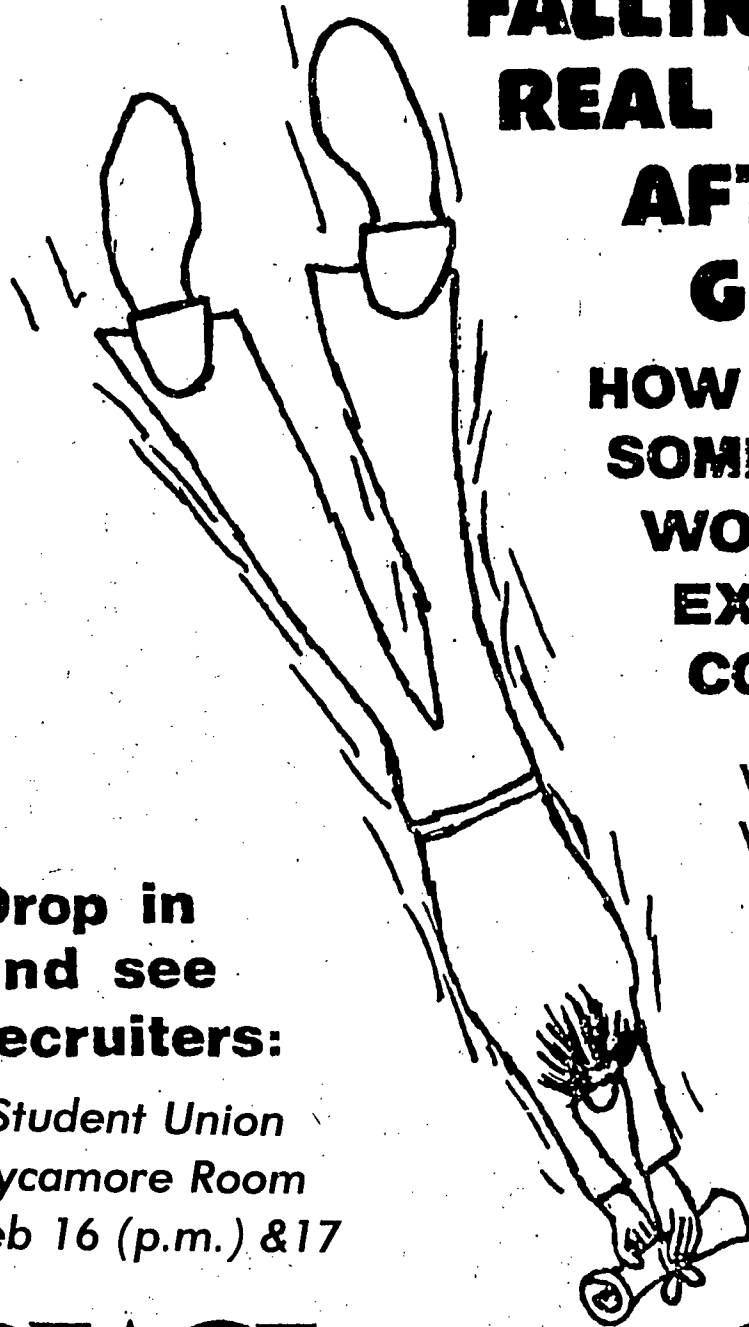
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Dana Wray knows from personal experience that "a nursing home is no place for a 24-year-old." A quadriplegic since a car accident in 1974 when she was a NWMSU student, Dana lives at Cherry Manor, a nursing home in Lawrence, KS.

Recently Dana's financial situation was severely shaken due to a fund which threatened her legal support.

Her expenses at Cherry Manor are \$46.37 a day, but the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) provide only \$23.39. Federal Social Security provides only \$149 monthly, but the remaining costs are more than Dana's family can handle.

In response to publication of the financial problem, the Dana Wray Trust Fund has been set up at University State Bank in Lawrence.

In a telephone conversation Dana explained that the money from the trust fund can only be used toward things not provided by SRS. It was first believed this

trust money would hurt her ability to receive state aid, but the legal problems have been solved, and she is able to use both sources of money.

Dana is working on her master's degree in social work at the University of Kansas where she estimates it will take her six years to receive her degree. Admittedly she may have difficulty finding a job after she completes her degree but working with people is important to her because she likes to help.

When she lived at home she was able to tutor children during the summer months, but since she has moved to Cherry Manor she finds she misses that part of being able to help others.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Dana Wray Trust Fund can write the Dana Wray Trust Fund, University State Bank, P.O. Box 788, Lawrence, KS.

Dana is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wray, Maryville.

Students may paint rooms

Dormitory residents who are dissatisfied with the color of their rooms now have the option to paint the rooms themselves.

This plan has been in the works since early last semester but is just now becoming a reality according to Bruce Wake, director of housing.

Students are allowed to choose from 17 colors of paint, about 60 percent of which are light colors. Ordering is done through the residence hall coordinator or graduate director.

When the paint arrives, students must have the room masked and surfaces covered which are not to be painted. Equipment is checked out through individual dorms. Each dorm has enough equipment for about four students to paint at once.

"Students haven't tried to abuse this privilege thus far," said Wake.

The paint was purchased from Walker Hardware, who gave the lowest bid last

paint tints in stock as they are effected by temperature during shipping. Therefore, not all colors have been available at all times.

"We've appreciated the students' patience," said Wake. "The painting is progressing and we're happy about the way things are going."

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Dana Wray is one of many Americans trying to overcome a quadriplegic handicap. Wray is now trying to complete a master's degree at the University of Kansas but has run into financial problems. Wray is shown above working with children.

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Sports

Scoring leader's career nears end

Dale Gard

Number thirteen may be regarded as an unlucky number to some, but don't try to tell Janet Cooksey that.

Cooksey has worn the number as a member of the Bearkitten basketball team for four years, and the only bad luck it may have brought was to her opponents.

During her stay as a 'Kitten cager, Cooksey has rewritten nearly every scoring record set by an NWMSU player. Among the marks she has set are most points in one game, 31; most points in a season, 408, set last year; most free throws made in one game, 12; and most field goals made in one game, 15.

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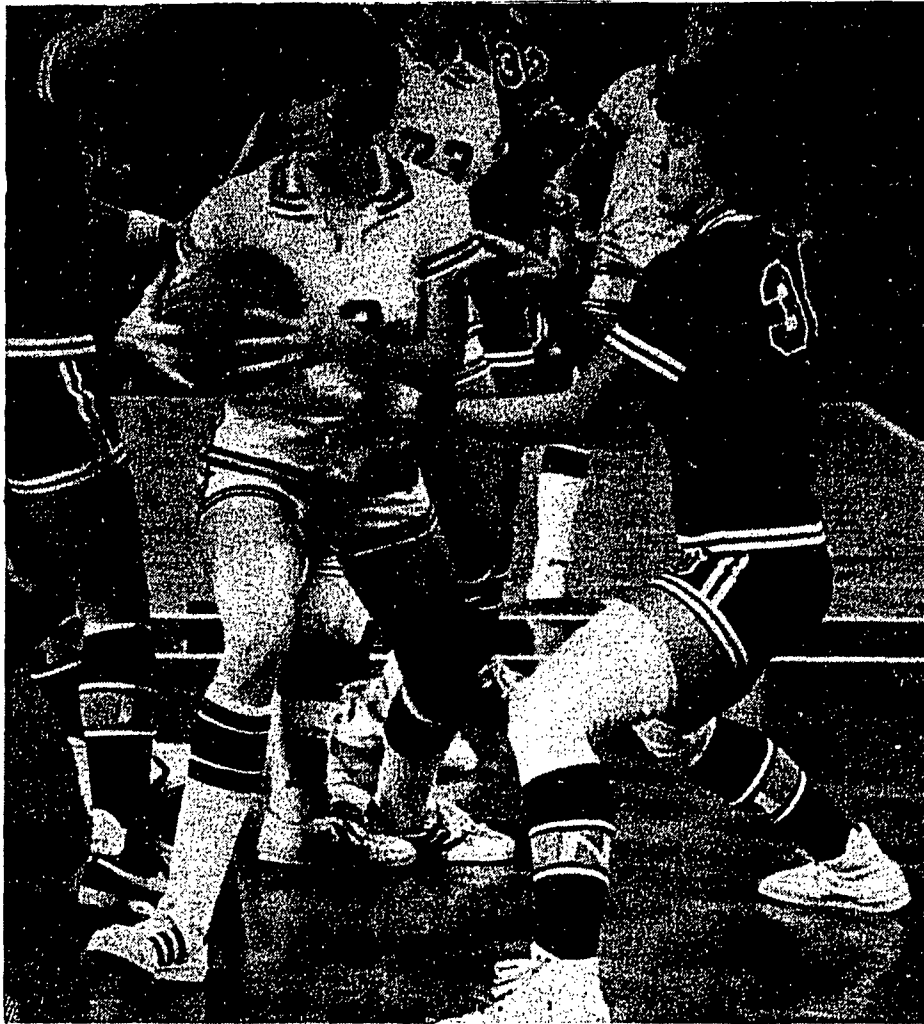
until a junior

in high school

In addition, in a game earlier this month played at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Cooksey rewrote the all-time career scoring record of 1048 points, which was held by Susan Sugg, who played from 1972-76.

The all-time Bearkitten scoring leader didn't begin playing basketball until her junior year at Savannah High School. Cooksey credits her coach at Savannah, Don Coulter, with being a big influence in her basketball. "He taught me the fundamentals of the game," said Cooksey.

One of the fundamentals of the game that Cooksey picked up easily was offense



Janet Cooksey wrestles away a rebound from an opponent. Cooksey earlier this year became the Bearkittens' all-time leading scorer, surpassing the old record of 1048 points for a career. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

Cooksey managed an 18-point-per-game average in high school while developing her characteristic base line jumper.

Other parts of the game didn't come quite so easily. "I've had to work on my defense and ball-handling a lot," said Cooksey. "Defense especially is important

in basketball, but it's something that takes a lot of work."

...has been MVP

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Ryland Milner tourney

The work has paid off for Cooksey. In addition to some of the personal honors she has received (she made last year's MAIAW all-tourney team, and has garnered MVP honors in both Ryland Milner Tournaments held), she was a member of the 1976 Bearkitten squad that won the state championship. Included in that squad were assistant coach Trish VanOosbree and ex-scoring leader Sugg.

This year's team, according to Cooksey, compares favorably with the 1976 edition. "The players get better every year as they get more experience," Cooksey pointed out. "This team has real potential. The rest of the season will be pretty tough, but we've got some good talent. We're capable of winning the state again."

Regardless of how Cooksey and the Bearkittens do in the immediate future, her own future is already mapped out. She plans to student teach during fourth block, and then she plans to teach elementary P.E. upon graduation.

With her basketball career nearing an end, she can look back with no regrets. "It (basketball) has taken up time, but it was worth it. It took dedication, but I've enjoyed it."

Dedication has been the key for Cooksey. Wearing number thirteen, luck certainly had nothing to do with it.

Vaulters host meet today

Vaulting into another season is the Bearkitten gymnastic team. Coach Sandra Mull explains that while the team is young, it should not be underrated.

The strength of the team lies in the three performers from last year, Beth Culver, Carol Dyke and Bobbie Felthousen. While all three will see action in all-around gymnastic exercises Felthousen is expected to perform well in the floor exercises. Culver also shows promise in the bar exercises.

Two other 'Kittens who should profit from this year are newcomers Connie Yates and Beth Hargrove. "They haven't had much experience. But I think they can develop into pretty good gymnasts in one or two areas," said Coach Mull.

Due to lack of experience, the vault competition could prove to be a test for the 'Kittens. "Vaulting would be our weakest area at this point," stated Mull.

Feb. 3 the 'Kittens will host the NWMSU Invitational in Lamkin Gym. The co-ed meet will feature teams from Oral Roberts University, CMSU and Emporia State.

Citing the interest in gymnastics which has "snowballed" within the past 10 years, Coach Mull hopes the meet will create gymnastic interest in Northwest Missouri. "In the past the majority of the talent has been in the cities, and it has been hard to recruit gymnasts to this area," she explained.

On the sidelines

Dale Gard

After watching the Bearcats drop two games in the past week, it is time to sit back and reflect.

True, the 'Cats lost to two nationally ranked powers in Quincy and Lincoln, but they made good runs at both of them and had a good chance to win both games until they ran out of gas. One has to wonder what might have been.

What might have been if the 'Cats hadn't run into personnel problems? The team lost four players between the end of 1977 and this month. All four had logged a lot of playing time and had figured greatly in the team's success up until they quit.

The first to go was Mark Mara, who quit the team at the end of the semester due to personal problems. Mara had averaged around ten points a game prior to quitting and was a strong replacement coming off the bench.

The next one to go, and probably the team's greatest loss, was forward Dean Petersen. Petersen was leading the team in both rebounds and points per game, but nonetheless was suspended for the season after not showing up for practice prior to the MIAA tourney held over the Christmas vacation. True, this action was not to be condoned, but suspension for the year seems to be a questionable move.

This move becomes more important when we see that it inadvertently led to another player quitting. After the Petersen suspension, one player quit the team due to the action. The player, Steve Marshall, was one of the top guard reserves. His quitting can only be seen as unfortunate, but it is certainly hard to pin that loss on anyone.

The final loss to the team was another key one. In losing guard George Davis, the team lost much of its speed and around ten points a game in scoring. Davis, who was late in reporting back to practice this semester, claimed to have had problems in getting back on time but was nonetheless logging less playing time for not showing up in time. Disenchanted by his lack of playing time, Davis quit the team. This problem could have and should have been ironed out.

Since the loss of these players, the 'Cats have had to slow down to a more deliberate style of play. Also, that bench that was overflowing is now a little weaker. The team has looked good in spots but haven't been able to put a whole game together consistently.

They still are an interesting team to watch, and they still have some good talent which makes for an exciting team, but one wonders what might have been if these four players had stayed on.

—This week in sports—

Friday, Feb. 3

Gymnastics meet with CMSU, Central College, Oral Roberts U., Lamkin Gym 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Women's basketball with University of Nebraska, Omaha, Lamkin Gym, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Wrestling with Nebraska Wesleyan and Morningside, Lamkin Gym, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Men's basketball with Avila College, Lamkin Gym, 7:30 p.m.

Aquacats at Central today

Today's dual at Warrensburg with Central Missouri State may be the toughest meet of the year for the Bearcat swimming squad according to Coach Lewis Dyche.

Central Missouri finished second in the MIAA championships last year and may be the team to beat this season. "We know that they'll be strong, especially in the freestyling and diving," said Dyche. "I hate to say it, but they're going to be awfully tough to beat."

Dyche is looking forward to some good races, however, in the medley relay, the 100-yard freestyle, the 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard breaststroke. The one-meter diving competition could also be close, but Central has a definite advantage in the three-meter diving--the Mules have a three-meter board to practice from while the 'Cats do not.

Junior Mark Bergerson has returned to the squad this semester after a one-year absence from school. Bergerson was the best swimmer on the 1976-77 squad, but dropped out of college to work and became ineligible for one year.

Now that Bergerson is back, Dyche believes that the team will be tough against anybody in the shorter freestyle events. Bergerson holds the school record in the 50- and 60-yard freestyle. He was also a member of the record-setting 400 medley relay and 800 freestyle relay teams.

Another member of the 400 medley team is Phil Esposito, who also holds the school's individual record in the 200-yard butterfly. Esposito and Bergerson were selected as co-captains this year by their teammates.

Two sophomores who have already helped rewrite the record books are Mike Bond and Ron Hathorne. They made up half of the 400 freestyle relay team that set the record last year. This year, Dyche is already looking to them for leadership.

Dyche sorely needs that leadership since five of the squad's best swimmers are no longer competing this semester. Senior Greg Anderson and sophomore Bill Munn were declared scholastically ineligible, while sophomores Pat Riley and Don Shepherd dropped out of school at the semester.

Riley was Dyche's number one breast-stroke artist, and Shepherd was the team's best swimmer in the backstroke competition. But freshman Tim Goebel might be missed more than anyone.

Goebel had established himself as the superior distance freestyler on the team in his first test of collegiate competition. Although he was not formally declared ineligible, Goebel did experience some problems with his first-semester grades and did not return to the team after Christmas.

Still with the team are two fine divers,



Swimmer Randy Simpson takes to the water to practice his specialty in preparation for today's meet at Central Mo. State of Warrensburg. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Dave Nemeth and Julie Ausmus. Nemeth finished sixth in the one-meter diving and fifth in the three-meter diving at the MIAA championships last year as a sophomore. Ausmus, the lone senior on the squad, is the only female on campus who has lettered twice on a men's varsity team.

Now in his 14th year at the helm of the swimming program, Dyche has accumulated a 68-59 NWMSU record. His teams have occupied the cellar in the MIAA for

the last six seasons, but Dyche seems optimistic that this year's squad could stop that streak.

"Sure we lost a lot of depth, and that's going to hurt," admitted Dyche. "But some of the kids we have are as good as the swimmers at any other school around this area."

"You can't ask much more of them than they've given. They're young, but you can see some improvement every day."

'Kitten track season opens tomorrow

Indoor women's track start their season tomorrow afternoon with a meet at the Western Illinois University campus.

Also competing with the Bearkittens are Northeast Missouri State University, Western Illinois University and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"I think we should place above Northeast and Illinois," Coach Laurie Meyers said. "I know we can't win though."

Coach Meyers knows she can't win because she coached at Western Illinois last year and knows what-kind of returning talent that team has.

Top runners for the 'Kittens are Evonne Pearl, the sprints; Karen Kunz-Foley, long distance; Beth Dakan, middle distance; Vicky Lyydon, long distance; and Karen Hotze, shot put.

"I look for these girls to be my leaders plus some outstanding freshmen," Meyers said.

Despite a team of mostly freshmen, Meyers is still optimistic about the team.

"The girls are looking pretty well. With the indoor season we are gradually going into the outdoor year," she said.

"I'm really pleased with the way we have developed so far this year," she added.

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Commentary

Article II Sec. 4a: The president may not succeed himself in the office.

Article II Sec. 7a: The Student Senate shall decide which officer replacements are permanent and which are temporary.

Article II Sec. 7b: Permanent replacements shall be elected within twenty-one days, excluding vacations, from the time of resignation or removal in the following manner:

Article II Sec. 7c: Temporary replace-

ments shall be nominated and elected by a simple majority of the Student Senate.

Article III Sec. 1f: If a vacancy occurs, it will be announced at the next Senate meeting and posted on the Senate Bulletin Board, whereupon all interested persons may pick up an application. At the next meeting, applications will be reviewed by the Senate and voted on. The winning candidate will be selected by a plurality vote of the Senators present.

Pro:

The process by which Senate elected new senators (and will elect a new president) was done in a fair and legal way.

Concerning the election of new senators, Senate abided by the rules. (See Art. II, Sec. 1f)

The by-laws referring to the replacement of an officer are confusing and have loopholes in them. It states that Senate will decide which officer replacements are temporary and which are permanent. (Art. II, Sec. 7a) It doesn't define "temporary" or "permanent."

It then says that permanent replacements will be elected by the student body and temporary ones by Senate. (Art. II, Sec. 7b and c) This gives Senate the option of holding a campus election or do the electing themselves.

Senate ruled the vacancy temporary. This was a wise move. If an election were held, there's a chance someone outside Senate might become president. The person wouldn't know Senate procedures or the policies Senate has enacted this year.

Also, it would take a period of time for the person to become acquainted with the new position. This would delay Senate action for an indefinite amount of time.

Therefore, if Senate elects a president themselves it will be assured that their policies would be continued the rest of the semester, and the person would be familiar with Senate procedures.

Should Senate elect the president or should the student body?

In the United States' system, if the President's office was vacated, a previously elected official would take over. There would be no special elections held and no one would question the procedure.

The same thing should hold true with Senate. The student body elected them to office; therefore, the student body does have a say in the selection of a president. The student body elected these senators, assured of their competence to handle any situation that arose.

Another question that's asked is whether Senate can say that the president may succeed himself in office.

If Senate decides to let the president succeed himself, it will be a mistake.

The person would have a distinct advantage over other candidates because of the experience already had in office. Also it will look as if Senate is rigging the election to get who they want in office next year.

The reputation of Senate has improved a great deal this year. If they decide to let the new president run for election, it will hurt all they have done.

Therefore, Senate should not let the president succeed himself. There are competent seniors to fill the vacancy and this is what should be done. Then, any junior who wants to run for the April election, may.

So that this sort of issue doesn't arise again, careful consideration should be given in defining the by-laws in a manner where there are no areas of controversy.

Con:

Just when Student Senate was beginning to establish a more-than-puppet image, they pull one through the loophole.

Just as they are working to eliminate housing contract loopholes, they slip through one themselves.

It wasn't enough to have seven senators selected rather than elected out of the 27 total. Now they've decided to pick their own president.

Maybe it wasn't stretching it too much to select the senators. By-laws are written so that it's probably legal. (See Art. III, Sec. 1f above.)

But will an appointed senator receive the same support as an elected senator? Constituents may hesitate to contact someone they had no voice in choosing.

Consider further the more pertinent case at hand--replacement of an officer.

The Senate has the authority according to the by-laws to decide if the replacement is permanent or temporary. (Art. II, Sec. 7a) They voted 18 to 4 to declare President Rex Gwinn's replacement temporary. (Five senators abstained.)

Without going into a semantics argument, few people would disagree that a resignation is seldom temporary. Therefore, would his replacement be temporary?

But whether the method is legal is not as much the case as if it is fair. Because the by-laws are vague, they permit loose interpretation.

An election is a commonly accepted form of choosing governing officials. The vote is generally accepted to represent the choice of the people as the result of a candidate convincing the electorate he is the right choice.

If these senators expect the voters to have faith in them, where's the return faith that a populace election would choose a qualified candidate?

At this point the number of selected senators becomes significant. Seven out of 27 is 25.9 percent. If these senators choose the president, will this be a fair representation of the student body?

Senate is also considering a change of the by-laws to allow the temporary president to succeed himself--an unfair advantage to any other candidates in this spring's election. Wouldn't this seem awfully convenient?

Perhaps more serious thought should be given to the long term effects another change of the by-laws would give? Why not just have the vice president take over in case of death or resignation of the president?

It works for the United States.

Students were just beginning to have a little faith in the power of Student Senate. It's not too late for Senate to back themselves out of the loophole. Let's hope they take a second look before they set a precedent.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Miss Bovard,

Why is it the administration isn't familiar with their own policies? I went to pay my fees for this semester and was told I couldn't put my room fee on an installment plan because I didn't have a meal plan to go with it. I immediately went to the business office where I was told I couldn't get my room fee deferred because I didn't have any loans or grants coming in to count on.

My immediate reaction was to go higher up, so I piled my papers together and went to the Vice President. I was told the same thing there, but upon further visits I was informed my room payment would be deferred for one month. I pointed out to the Vice President that my room contract stated, "If the student pays the room fee on an installment plan an additional \$10.00 a semester is added to the room fee."

Can I help it if they gave students the option not to take a meal plan with their room and they didn't mean to have the clause in the contract after giving the students an option for the meal plan.

I have talked to other students, and I am not the only one in this position. I hope this letter will be printed soon. Maybe there will be fewer questions asked why so many students are losing it and dropping out. I feel students are bogged down with enough problems without the administration causing more problems and frustrations without due cause.

Also the contract states forfeitures or penalties for cancellations of contract. It pertains to broken contracts and discusses the penalties, directed toward the student only. What if the administration breaks the contract? Is the student entitled to some payment or return of money?

A concern for equal rights!

Editor's Note:

Bruce Wake, director of housing, commented that most cases where the University breaks the contract are disciplinary cases which are covered in Clause 5 of the housing contract. This clause states that the student that is suspended shall pay or forfeit the room fee for the contract period.

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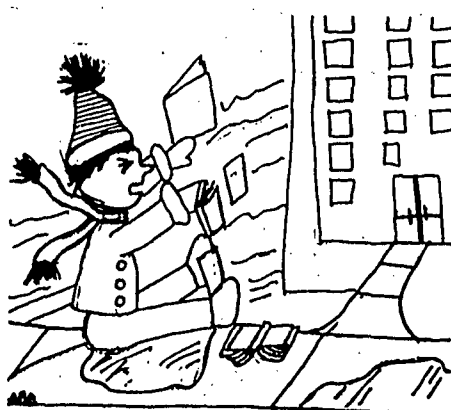
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The Stroller

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Trudging through the arctic conditions, your Stroller was doing right fine. He made it to the street, cut through the parking lot and was ready to descend the hill to take the short cut through the quad.

Fate would have it that snow got down inside your Stroller's boots. Wet snow



against the battery-operated socks caused smoke and smoke caused a hot foot and down went your Stroller, rump first, all the way to the bottom of the hill. Ready to die from humiliation, your hero looked up and saw a passerby who asked your hero, "Walk much or just read about it?"

Being the good person that he is, your Stroller did not punch the guy's lights out. The reason being that his tu-tu was too bruised to move. Crawling to the Health Center, not knowing if he would ever again amble around campus, your Stroller wondered if his reputation would ever be the same.